



## Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

September 08, 2015

The Honorable Board of Directors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO THE JOHN ANSON FORD  
THEATRE FOUNDATION FOR THE JOHN ANSON FORD THEATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
(THIRD DISTRICT - 3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate County Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District, in an amount not to exceed \$550,000, to the John Anson Ford Theatre Foundation for improvements to the John Anson Ford Theatre.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Certify that the Board, as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the John Anson Ford Theatres Project and the Environmental Impact Report and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted by the County of Los Angeles, as lead agency; determine that the documents adequately address the environmental impacts of the proposed project; find that the Board has complied with the requirements of CEQA with respect to the process for a responsible agency; and adopt by reference the County's Environmental Impact Report and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
2. Allocate County Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District in an amount not to exceed \$550,000 to the John Anson Ford Theatre Foundation for the John Anson Ford Theatre Improvements Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant, in an amount not

to exceed \$550,000, to the John Anson Ford Theatre Foundation when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate County Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) in an amount not to exceed \$550,000, to the John Anson Ford Theatre Foundation (JAFTF) for the John Anson Ford Theatre Improvements Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves general improvements to the John Anson Ford Theatre including the construction of the new sound wall and control booth, office building, concessions, and the completion of the picnic terrace. The estimated remaining project cost is \$9,199,000. The recommended County Excess Funds grant is supplemented by \$8,649,000 from Net County Cost.

It is also recommended, that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award a grant to JAFTF when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Propositions, as well as grantee agreement with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, and to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the board.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by improving and enhancing healthy activities in the Third Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in an amount not to exceed \$550,000, is budgeted in RPOSD's Excess Project Funds, HD6.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. JAFTF meets this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects, in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District for County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The County of Los Angeles (County) is the lead agency for the Project.

On October 7, 2014, the County, in its role as lead agency in matters pertaining to compliance with CEQA, found and determined that with the imposition of mitigation measures as a condition of approval of the Project, there was no substantial evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment; found that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) reflected the independent judgment of the County; approved the EIR; and found that the Project will have no adverse effect on fish and wildlife resources. As part of the scope of the EIR, a Mitigation and Reporting Program has been included. This program will be implemented and monitored by the County.

With respect to the Board's approval of the Project described herein, RPOSD also acts as a responsible agency for the purposes of CEQA, and therefore, we recommend that the Board independently consider and adopt the EIR and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Third Supervisorial District.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

9/8/2015

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney".

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Director

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Interim County Counsel  
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors